

Heart to Heart Appeals

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on one phase of Christian Endeavor work.

The Marion, Va., Endeavorers have issued a unanimous invitation to the district to hold its convention with them in January.

Field Secretary Taylor addressed a meeting of the young people of the School for the Blind at Staunton, Va. An Endeavor Society is being considered for these young people.

Thirty-five Endeavorers came twen-



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ty-five miles from Mt. Carmel to the rally addressed by Field Secretary Taylor in Staunton. There were over two hundred at this rally.

The Friends' Endeavor Society at Corinth church, near Ivor, Va., has a "Gospel Team," which conducts cottage prayer meetings, and does great work in organizing new societies and helping weaker ones. Four members of the "team" constitute a male quartet.

Hundreds of soldiers help in the Endeavor meetings in Newport News.

SYNOD OF APPALACHIA.

The third annual meeting of the Synod of Appalachia was held in the Sinking Spring church in Abingdon, Va. This is one of the oldest churches of the western part of the "Old Dominion" State, and has been recently repaired and beautified, making it a beautiful house of worship and service.

The opening service was held on Tuesday, October 16th, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., of the First church, Bristol, Tenn., preached the opening sermon from 1 Tim. 3:15 (last clause), "The Church of the Living God." He was assisted in the service by Revs. Edward Mack, D. D., of the Union Seminary, and W. T. Thompson, of the First church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Revs. George B. Thompson and J. M. Sedgwick were elected temporary clerks. Rev. W. T. Thompson, Jr., was elected moderator.

The morning devotional exercises on the second day were conducted by Rev. J. L. McMillan and after routine business and a recess, the communion service was conducted: Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., preaching from "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). It was a masterful presentation of (1) "The Lord Jesus Christ"; (2) "The Cross," and (3) Paul's "Glory," after which Revs. J. Lynn Bachman, D. D., and J. F. Campbell, D. D., administered the Supper of our Lord.

The Conference on Christian Stewardship occupied the whole afternoon. The reports of the Permanent Committees, on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and Sunday-school Extension, were read and docketed; after which Rev. Homer E. McMillan, D. D., the Assembly's representative, gave an eloquent and forceful survey of the four-fold field of the Church.

The evening was very pleasantly spent in impressing the plan and importance of the Stonewall Jackson College on the membership of the Synod.

The Synod of Appalachia has in its various meetings emphasized some particular phase of its work. This meeting was largely given to Christian Stewardship, and the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence provoked considerable discussion on the increase of the apportionment to the different Presbyteries. It was finally agreed to meet the General Assembly's apportionment.

The Committee on Orphans' Home called attention to the fact that Asheville Presbytery has two Homes: one at Balfour, with forty children, and one at Franklin, N. C., where there are twenty children. In Holston Presbytery there is one Home, at Banner Elk, with thirty-six children. The committee urged the Presbyteries of Abingdon and Knoxville to carry out the resolution of 1915, when the Synod decided that "as soon as possible Homes for orphan children be established in the bounds of each Presbytery."

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The fact that a book of prayers is in great demand among church people seems to indicate that they have a very intense interest in learning how to pray. It also shows that the Church paper is closely read by some mighty good people, who have great confidence in its advertising columns, as well as in its reading columns.

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